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Collier Receives NSF Developmental Systems Grant

An associate professor of biological sciences at Marshall has been awarded a three-year grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to study the role of genes in controlling animal development.

Dr. Simon Collier's grant is from the NSF's Developmental Systems Program. He will use the \$418,000 award to study the genetic control of the basic developmental processes of the fruit fly (*Drosophila*). *Drosophila* genetics has been studied for more than 100 years because the organism has many genes and genetic pathways similar to humans.

Collier's research, formally titled "Polarizing A Cell Layer Along Two Axes," has medical significance for the professor, who has a joint appointment in biochemistry and microbiology at the College of Science and the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. He will be studying the genetic

control of planar cell polarity – the way cells face within a cell layer.

"Imagine a cell layer like a crowd of people. Usually the cells face in a common direction like a crowd at a concert. We study the genetic mechanisms that align cells in a common direction," Collier explained. "Recently some cases of familial spina bifida (a failure of neural tube closure) have been shown to be due to mutations in a gene first identified as a 'planar cell polarity gene' in the fruit fly. Neural tube closure requires the movement of a cell layer in a specific direction to cover the neural tube. It appears that cells need to be facing in a common direction for the cell layer to move in the right direction."

Collier's research was funded on first submission to the NSF. His lab is considered a pioneer in this research area.

"In previous studies, researchers have looked at how cells are aligned in a single direction, along one axis of the

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COLA Initiates Essay Competition for Constitution Week

Marshall's College of Liberal Arts has announced a new essay competition that pays tribute to former Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall and local Circuit Court Judge Dan O'Hanlon and gives all undergraduate students the opportunity to win up to \$1,500 in prize money.

The Dan O'Hanlon Constitution Week and John Marshall Celebration Essay Competition was created with a \$50,000 anonymous donation. Its purpose is to encourage Marshall University undergraduate students to study the historical

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Dr. Simon Collier examines a slide in a laboratory at Marshall University. He was awarded a three-year grant from the National Science Foundation to study the role of genes in controlling animal development.

Steele Named Interim Athletic Director

David Steele, associate athletic director for finance at Marshall, has been appointed the university's interim athletic director by President Stephen J. Kopp.

Steele replaces Bob Marcum, who retired. A nationwide search for a permanent athletic director is under way.

Steele, who grew up in Texas, has been at Marshall since 1995. His current responsibilities include overseeing business operations, budgeting, video and concessions, while assisting the athletic director with football scheduling. Steele also is treasurer and a member of the Big Green Executive Committee.



Judge Dan O'Hanlon speaks during a reception June 10 at Marshall University in which a new essay competition that pays tribute to O'Hanlon and former Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall was announced.

Staff Members Begin New Responsibilities

Several appointments have been announced in the last several weeks, including the associate vice president for outreach and continuing studies, the dean of the Lewis College of Business, and associate deans for the College of Fine Arts and the College of Liberal Arts.



Dr. Rudy Pauley

Dr. Rudy Pauley has been named Associate Vice President for Outreach and Continuing Studies at Marshall University. Pauley, formerly interim dean of the Graduate School of Education and Professional Development, is responsible for developing a strategic plan for outreach activities and extended education opportunities for the university, according to Dr. Gayle L. Ormiston, provost and senior vice president of academic affairs.

"Though new in name, the responsibilities of the associate vice president for outreach and continuing studies are very much a normal part of Marshall University's daily function and educational mission," Ormiston said. "Dr. Pauley brings a broad array of experience in adult education, community outreach, and a special interest in distance learning and adult education."

The new position will be housed within the Office of Academic Affairs and replaces Marshall's long-standing position of dean of the School of Extended Education. Pauley will operate from both the Huntington and South Charleston campuses.

Pauley will oversee all aspects and activities of the university's extended educational opportunities and regional centers including the Mid-Ohio Valley Center, Teays Valley Regional Center, Marshall's activities at the Erma C. Byrd Higher Education Center in Raleigh County, and the South Charleston Campus. He also will handle the Regents Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Applied Science degree programs and all Marshall course offerings in high schools.

Pauley has served as a faculty member and administrator at Marshall University for 12 years. His doctorate is in Higher Education Administration and his special areas of interest and research include distance education, teacher certification and adult education.

"I am excited about the opportunity to move into the area of outreach and continuing studies for Marshall University," Pauley said. "I truly believe in providing exceptional educational opportunities for adult learners through a variety of venues across the state and region."

Dr. Chong Kim, interim dean of the Lewis College of Business for the past year, has been appointed permanent dean of the college, according to Dr. Gayle Ormiston, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs.



Dr. Chong Kim

Kim recently completed a full year as interim dean of the college, a position he has held twice at Marshall. He has been at Marshall since 1977, and was head of the Management and Marketing Division of the College of Business from 1994 until he was appointed interim dean in June 2008.

"We are very fortunate to have Dr. Kim's commitment to the success of the Lewis College of Business," Ormiston said. "Dr. Kim has devoted 32 years to Marshall University as a professor and an administrator. His experience with and knowledge of the demands placed on academic business programs in the present economic environment will serve the College well as he and the faculty develop a set of program priorities that reflects the currency of our program offerings."

Kim said that as dean he will focus as he always has on three important goals: congeniality of faculty and staff, maintenance of AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) accreditation, and increasing resources for the college.

"It is my great honor to serve as dean of the Lewis College of Business," Kim said. "I am grateful to our faculty, the provost and the president for providing me this opportunity to serve the college. I will try to make the business college the best in the region by offering the best business education to our students which will help them have very successful careers."

Kim received his B.A. in English and English Literature from Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea in 1966, his M.B.A. in Business Administration from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in 1971, and his Ph.D. in Business Administration—Organizational Behavior—from the Ohio State University in 1976. Kim has received numerous awards while at Marshall, including the Marshall University Distinguished Service Award in April 2003.



Dr. David Castleberry

As of July 1, **Dr. David Castleberry** has begun serving as associate dean for the College of Fine Arts at Marshall University. He succeeds Michael Cornfeld, who retired after 42 years in the art department.

Castleberry is also professor of music and director of choral activities at Marshall. Born and raised in Charleston, S.C., he received his Bachelor of Music degree from Furman University and his Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees from The University of Texas at Austin. He has taught on the

faculties of Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., and Wagner College on Staten Island, N.Y., during which time he directed the Riverside Choral Society and served as chorus master for the Piccolo Opera Company in Brooklyn.

Castleberry is a recipient of fellowships to the Aspen Choral Institute and the Chorus America Saranac Lake

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Profile: John Winters

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



John Winters

John Winters first came to Marshall on a baseball scholarship but in a way it really should have been track. After all, he's been on a fast track both as a student and employee and it's a race he's found to be challenging and fulfilling. And, in his current position as Director of Printing Services, he does sprint the several blocks from Old Main to the print shop on 22nd Street, sometimes several times a day—only now he uses a vehicle.

Actually he's come full circle back to the print shop, where he's been running the operation for the past four years. He came to the Huntington campus in the fall of 1989, a gifted and seasoned baseball player who proved his mettle on the field over the next four years. It was a heady time and his reward was a B.A. degree in Broadcast Journalism. Winters' talents off the field as well so impressed then-athletic director Lee Moon that he was offered a graduate assistantship in sports information while he worked on a master's degree in public relations.

Then, just a month before completing his M.A.J., he came across a classified ad for a position in Marshall's print shop and soon was the new Publications Specialist. When an opportunity arose to work in University Communications he made the move to the second floor of Old Main and worked there for three years before accepting a position as publications coordinator. Later, upon the retirement of longtime Director of Printing Services, Shirley Dyer, he came back to the printing operation to take over her job. In his absence, the print shop had found new and more spacious quarters just a few blocks away in the Dewco building on 22nd Street. And that has worked out well for everyone, he maintains.

"Originally the print shop was located in the basement of Old Main ... The newer quarters are much roomier and much more accessible to get large equipment in and out of. It's a very good production center where the press operators work. I'm actually the only person who travels back and forth, because 99 percent of the people on campus never need to see our printing operation, so it's not a problem."

In fact Winters, along with the three graphic artists on staff and the administrative assistant, have just moved a few doors down the hall in the basement of Old Main in suite 24, just across the hall from the mail room. The new quarters are great, he says. "Our offices are more accessible with two entrances now, one from the hall and the other one from outside ... we have more room—it's a thousand percent better. The staff was finally able to move from cubicles to actual offices. And best of all, we're not stuck among the pipes!" To familiarize the campus with the location of the new quarters, he and his staff held an open house recently and were delighted when nearly 200 people dropped by.

The sheer volume of work produced by the printing operation produces some staggering numbers. For example, Winters cites the more than 1,000 to 1,200

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Conductors Workshop and participated in a residence at Les Academies Musicales de Saintes in France.

A recipient of the Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award, Castleberry has led choral performances throughout the United States and in Europe and has been featured in television and radio broadcasts, recordings, and appearances for the American Choral Directors Association and the West Virginia Music Educators Association, as well as 11 years of performances at Charleston, S.C.'s Piccolo Spoleto Festival. With the Marshall University Choral Union and Orchestra, he has led performances of more than 50 major choral-orchestral works.

He serves currently as Southern Division President of the American Choral Directors Association and chaired the 2008 convention in Louisville, Ky.

"David Castleberry has been at Marshall for many years and he is highly regarded and respected as a faculty member and as an artist/performer by everyone associated with Marshall," said Don Van Horn, dean of the College of Fine Arts. "David is a consummate faculty member and has distinguished himself as a teacher, mentor, scholar and artist, and constructive colleague. He has been a leader in the Department of Music for many years and people trust him."

"I feel fortunate to have worked with such talented and supportive colleagues and students at Marshall University," Castleberry said. "My work during the past 19 years has been a joy. The chance to continue these associations not only with music, but also with our programs in art and theatre, is truly exciting. I am grateful to Dean Van Horn for this chance and am humbled by the high standard that my predecessor, Michael Cornfeld, has set for this position."



Dr. Jamie Warner

Dr. Jamie Warner, associate professor of political science at Marshall since 2005, is the new associate dean for MU's College of Liberal Arts. She began her official duties on July 1.

"Dr. Warner brings much to the office. She is a superior teacher and well-regarded scholar," said Dr. David Pittenger, dean of the college. "Moreover, she represents the student-centered attitude that is the hallmark of this college. In the coming months, Dr. Warner will review our policies and procedures regarding advising and

student retention. Our goal is to ensure students have the best possible educational experience while at Marshall University."

Warner has been at Marshall since 2002, when she was hired as an assistant professor of political science. In 2004, she was awarded both the Pickens-Queen and College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Teaching Awards. Before coming to Marshall, she was a visiting assistant professor of political science at the University of the South (Sewanee) from 2001 to 2002.

"I'm very excited about the new challenges this position will present," Warner said. "I'm also looking forward to working with students throughout the College of Liberal Arts, as well as both David and the COLA staff."

Warner received her B.A. from Millersville University in 1991, her M.A. from Penn State University in 1995 and her Ph.D. in political science with a minor in women's studies from Penn State in 2001.

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separate jobs the shop turns out each year, which between the copy center and the four-color offset presses, churn out millions of impressions. "The copy center alone does over 1.5 million clicks a year," he explains.

Commencement is the print shop's biggest challenge with a run of 140,000 pages of printed materials. And there are no downturns during the summer, he says, because the printers are already churning out recruitment and registration materials for the fall.

The wide array of services and the quality of the finished product offered to the university are a source of great pride to Winters. "We have three talented graphic designers who will work with people to get the design and finished product they want. It's a great bargain as well. When we do the printing, the design work is free and people can have as many proofs as they want, so they can make sure the finished product is what they had in mind. We're also responsible for making sure that Marshall is represented in a professional and proper manner."

And that responsibility includes the proper use of the various Marshall logos. "We're the caretakers of the logo, the logo police if you will," he says with a chuckle. "We work in conjunction with University Communications and particularly with Mallory Jarrell to make sure logos are handled properly. For example, you can't use just any logo, it has to be the updated, approved version. And you can't just take a logo and stretch it or distort it to make it fit a publication. That's not the proper image for the university. If people have questions, they can come to us and we'll make sure the correct ones are used."

Winters encourages the university staff to utilize the printing services that are available to them and they want to make it as convenient as possible. "We want our customers to know that when they give us a job it will be properly done. The cost we charge basically returns money to us that we spend on supplies, equipment, maintenance and replacement. If the staff doesn't utilize our services, they're hurting the university as a whole because with an influx of jobs we can keep the revenue flowing which keeps the presses running and the equipment maintained. Our goal is to serve the campus as well as possible. For example, people want color and with our four-color press we can give them anything they want. We're set up to produce massive quantities of color."

The typical turnaround time for a print job is 10 working days, with larger or more complex jobs taking a little longer. They do try to get the jobs processed as quickly and efficiently as possible, he says. That timeline takes into account maintenance for equipment which gets extremely heavy use. "We make millions of copies each year, so machines do break down and that means we're not always running at full capacity."

Winters relishes the time he's able to spend with his family, wife Tammy, a B.S.N. who works in the Huntington Veteran's Hospital and daughters Riley, who turns 6 on July 14, and Claire, 13 months. For several years he continued to play ball just for fun, but has put that on hold for the time being so he can spend more time with his family. Having daughters has changed his life, he says, and has made him more aware of the importance of family time. He even found time to coach Riley's T-ball team which was a "real trip," he says fondly. An avid golfer, he regularly plays with his father, Skip. The whole family, including his father and mother, Sally, along with his sister and her family are looking forward to a vacation together this summer. And they're an energetic clan. "We do as many family activities as time and energy permit. And with two lively girls I get up earlier on weekends that I do during the week!"

"I've enjoyed my time here at Marshall," he says reflectively. "If you're going to live in this area Marshall is the place to work. I'm always open to learning new things, taking on new challenges. I've always been on guard about feeling complacent."

Marshall University's Society of Yeager Scholars Receives \$15,000 grant from Hilton Foundation

A grant of \$15,000 from the Board of Trustees of the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation to the Marshall University Foundation, Inc., will help support Marshall University's Society of Yeager Scholars.

The donation, which Marshall University received on June 11, is the second gift from the California-based Hilton Foundation, which was established in 1944 by hotel entrepreneur Conrad N. Hilton. The first gift, also \$15,000, was presented in August 2008.

"This gift, as stipulated in our proposal, will be deposited into the Society of Yeager Scholars greatest needs fund to support our current and incoming Yeager Scholars," said Bob Galardi, Director of Major Gifts for the Society of Yeager Scholars. "The grant will assist us in our efforts to replace the funds lost in the market over the past few months, and compete with the rising costs of our Yeager Scholars' studies at Marshall."

For more information or to contribute to the Society of Yeager Scholars, contact Galardi at (304) 696-3336 or e-mail him at galardi@marshall.edu.

Essay Competition

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and contemporary significance of the Constitution of the United States of America and the effect the Marshall court had in establishing the importance of the Supreme Court.

O'Hanlon formerly served as professor and chair of the Marshall University Criminal Justice Department.

"There are many goals for the essay competition," said Dr. David J. Pittenger, dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "We wish for students to learn more about the Constitution and its importance as an essential political and legal document. We also wish to honor the namesake of this university, John Marshall, who ensured the strength of the court as a mechanism that, among other responsibilities, balances power between the executive and legislative branches of government."

"This competition also celebrates the spirit of civic engagement evident in one of our local judicial leaders, O'Hanlon, whose professional and private work is a model for our students," Pittenger said.

The winners of the essay competition will be announced Sept. 17 as a part of the university's Constitution Week activities. The grand prize winner will receive \$1,500. The runner-up will receive \$750.

Details on entering the competition are on the College of Liberal Arts Web site at www.marshall.edu/cola.

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cell layer. My research is beginning to help us understand how cells can be aligned along two axes, in two dimensions," Collier said.

Collier came to Marshall in 2003. He earned his Ph.D. in medical genetics from the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom, did postdoctoral research in developmental genetics at both the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom and the University of Virginia, and served as a guest lecturer in biological sciences at the University of Manchester.

His research start-up at Marshall was funded by West Virginia's Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR), a National Science Foundation program that coordinates scientific research grants to academic institutions from federal and state agencies.